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SUBJ: LISBON VISIT OF SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR GUILLABERT

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SUMMARY: SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR GUILLABERT VISITED LISBON TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR. WHILE NOT REVEALING DETAILS OF MESSAGE, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT IT TOOK ITS PLACE WITHIN CONTEXT OF LUSO-SENEGALESE CONVERSATIONS REGARDING PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION, A PROCESS SENEGAL REGARDS WITH SATISFACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. ANDRE GUILLABERT, SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO PARIS (AS WELL AS MADRID, OSLO, STOCKHOLM, COPENHAGEN AND HELSINKI), ARRIVED IN LISBON OCTOBER 14 WITH A PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES FROM SENEGALESE PRESIDENT
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SENGHOR. AMBASSADOR GUILLABERT DECLINED TO PROVIDE

PRESS WITH DETAILS OF MESSAGE OR TO GO INTO SPECIFICS OF 30-MINUTE CONVERSATION WITH PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT, BUT DID SAY THAT THIS CONTACT FORMED PART OF CONTINUING SERIES OF PORTUGUESE-SENEGALESE CONVERSATIONS REGARDING PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION EFFORTS.

2. AMBASSADOR DID STATE FOLLOWING TO PORTUGUESE JOURNALISTS:

A. PRESIDENT SENGHOR EXPECTS TO VISIT PORTUGAL SHORTLY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES;

B. SENEGAL HAS ASKED FOR PORTUGUESE "AGREEMENT" FOR (UNNAMED) SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR, WHO IS EXPECTED TO ACT SIMULTANEOUSLY AS HEAD OF SENEGALESE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN ROME;

C. THE ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS IS ANTICIPATED FOR NOVEMBER.

3. PRESSED FOR COMMENT ON HOW SENEGAL VIEWS PORTUGAL'S DECOLONIZATION EFFORTS, GUILLABERT SAID THAT SENEGAL CONSIDERS INDEPENDENCE FOR GUINEA-BISSAU "A GOOD BEGINNING", AND THOUGH MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA REPRESENT MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, HE FELT CERTAIN THAT THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND BOTH TERRITORIES WOULD BE INDEPENDENT SHORTLY.

4. BEFORE LEAVING FOR MADRID ON AFTERNOON OCT 15, GUILLABERT OFFERED KUDOS TO PORTUGUESE FOMIN SOARES, THANKS TO WHOSE EFFORTS AND DIPLOMACY IT HAD BECOME POSSIBLE FOR GUILLABERT TO BE IN LISBON AT THIS TIME. HE PROVIDED NO DETAILS ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH SOARES OF THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON.
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